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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MS: AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 27, 2004, in connection with the above-identified patent application (Paper No./Mail Date 052504), please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed requesting a Petition for Extension of Time for three months with necessary fees.

Attached herewith are pages 521, 522, 523 and 525 of PCT Publication WO 00/78961, corresponding to PCT Application PCT/US00/04342, in support of Applicants' priority claim.

Also filed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants respectfully request that the listed information be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.